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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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April 14, 2014

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Russ Feller A&R Leasing 688 East Chad Ranch Road Veyo, Utah 84782-4141

Subject: Division Directive to Reclaim; A&R Leasing; Black Jewel, Black Hills, and Allen

Claims Mines; S/027/0026, S/027/0027, and S/045/0032; Millard and Tooele Counties,

Utah 6031 6032 6033

Dear Mr. Feller:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining requires that the Black Jewel, Black Hills, and Allen Claims mines be reclaimed. Regrading and seeding must be completed by October 15, 2014. This requirement is based partly on rule R647-3-113.5 which states in part:

Reclamation of a small mining operation may be required after five (5) years of continued suspension. The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years . . .

Available records indicate the mines have been inactive for nine, nine, and eleven years, respectively. In addition, permit fees have not been paid since 2006, and neither the Bureau of Land Management nor the Division holds surety for reclamation as required by rule R647-3-111. The Division may withdraw a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations for failure to pay permit fees or maintain adequate surety.

Failure to complete reclamation as required will result in enforcement action, including assessment of fines. In addition, until these sites and the Glacial Green mine have been reclaimed, the Division will not approve any other mining or exploration operation for you, A&R Leasing, or any company with which you are associated.



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Please contact me at 801-538-5261, Peter Brinton (Millard county) at 801-538-5258, or Leslie Heppler (Tooele county) at 801-538-5257 if you have questions about this letter.

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